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Claims 1-2, 4-15 and 17-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 14, and 17-19 have been amended for clarity and consistency. Claims 3 and 16 have been canceled.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates that claims 3-6, 9-12, and 16 are allowable.

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 13-15, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nitta et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0011979).

Independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 3 and 16, respectively. Claims 3 and 16 have been canceled.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

Amendments have been made to address the objections raised against claims 1, 3, 5, and 18-19. The amendments are submitted to overcome the objections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-2, 4-15, and 17-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the application be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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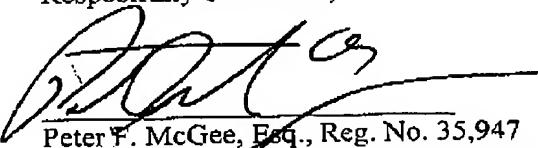
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Respectfully Submitted,

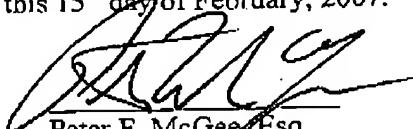
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I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Donna V. Lui, Group Art Unit 2629 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 15th day of February, 2007.


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